

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

**November 14, 2018**

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

**2018-329-E**

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

**2018-758**

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**SUBJECT:**

[DOCKET NO. 2018-329-E](#) - Gerald L. Schneider, Complainant/Petitioner v. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Defendant/Respondent - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Motion to Dismiss.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Mr. Schneider established service from Duke Energy Carolinas ("Duke") on April 7, 2018. His complaint states that overhead service lines are too close to his house and stray voltage coming from those lines is causing health issues. He seeks to have the service lines moved to the road and to have his complaint heard before the full Commission.

Duke has filed a Motion to Dismiss, supported by the affidavit of Senior Consumer Affairs Specialist, Ted Allen, stating that a site visit was conducted that concluded the service line's clearance distances meet the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code. Duke asserts that relocating the line would require removing existing facilities and installing them in a new location, transferring the transformer to a new utility pole, securing a new right-of-way, and extending the service line of another customer. Duke estimates that the cost to complete this work is \$12, 509. The Company says Mr. Schneider should be responsible for the cost of relocation and necessary easements, based on Duke Energy's findings, supported by a sworn affidavit, that there was no violation of any National Electric Safety Code requirements or any Commission Rules or Regulations. The Motion to Dismiss maintains that Mr. Schneider does not allege any violation of applicable law, and the Complaint should be dismissed.

I agree that we should dismiss the Complaint. No violation of law has been alleged, and the service line meets safety requirements. Since I move that the Complaint should be dismissed, the request for a hearing before the Commission is moot.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

WHITFIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding